

CLAIMS**1. A cargo system, comprising:**

a plurality of rigidly connected compartments adapted to mount on the roof of a vehicle,
said plurality of compartments including:

- a first compartment suitable for mounting a retractable awning therein; and
- a second compartment suitable for storing cargo.

2. The cargo system of claim 1, further comprising a flooring, said first and second compartments being rigidly connected via said flooring.

3. The cargo system of claim 1 further comprising an access panel operatively associated with one of said plurality of compartments.

4. The cargo system of claim 1 wherein one of said plurality of compartments includes a liquid container having two portions:

- a first container portion connected to said one of said compartments; and
- a second container portion suspended within said one of said compartments.

5. The cargo system of claim 4 further comprising a tube suitable for passing liquid, said tube being connected to said liquid container and emerging from the cargo system.

6. The cargo system of claim 5, comprising a plurality of said tubes, and wherein:

- a first of said plurality of tubes is suitable for input of liquid; and

a second of said plurality of tubes is suitable for dispensing of liquid.

7. The cargo system of claim 1, wherein said first compartment is spaced a distance from said second compartment, thereby defining a third compartment therebetween.

8. The cargo system of claim 7 further comprising a light assembly operatively associated with one of said first, second and third compartments.

9. The cargo system of claim 8 wherein said light assembly further includes an electrical conductor suitable for providing power to said light assembly, said conductor emerging from the cargo system.

10. A cargo system adapted to mount on a vehicle roof, the cargo system comprising a first compartment including a liquid container having two portions:

a first container portion connected to said first compartment; and

a second container portion suspended within said first compartment.

11. The cargo system of claim 10 further comprising a tube suitable for passing liquid, said tube being connected to said liquid container and emerging from the cargo system.

12. The cargo system of claim 11, comprising a plurality of said tubes, and wherein:

a first of said plurality of tubes is suitable for input of liquid; and

a second of said plurality of tubes is suitable for dispensing of liquid.

13. The cargo system of claim 10 including a second compartment rigidly attached to said first compartment.

14. The cargo system of claim 13 further comprising a light assembly operatively associated with one of said first and second compartments.

15. The cargo system of claim 14 wherein said light assembly further includes an electrical conductor suitable for providing power to said light assembly, said conductor emerging from the cargo system.

16. The cargo system of claim 13 wherein one of said first and second compartments is adapted for mounting a retractable awning therein.

17. The cargo system of claim 13, wherein said first compartment is spaced a distance from said second compartment, thereby defining a third compartment therebetween.

18. A method of enhancing the utility of a vehicle the method comprising the steps of:

- attaching a first compartment to a roof of the vehicle;
- placing a retractable awning in the first compartment; and
- rigidly attaching a second compartment to the first compartment.

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19. The method of claim 18, further including the step of operationally associating a light assembly with one of said first and second compartments.

20. The method of claim 18, further including suspending a liquid container in one of said first and second compartments.